

5th Pakistan Open Rock Climbing Competition on IWD

The Adventure Club – Pakistan, with a vibrant history of organizing diversified activities, specializes in rock climbing. Its worth mentioning that while celebrating Visit Pakistan year, declared as Destination Pakistan – 2007, the Club organized first ever women rock climbing competition as part of the calendar of activities of the Ministry of Tourism, under the leadership of Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar, the then federal minister for tourism. The event went very successful and widely covered by print & electronic media and the Club kept on carrying this event in following years and in 2011, this is 5th consecutive competition on International Women Day.



The event was started with Under 14 age category at Jasmine Corner on 5th March 2011, while the event was formally inaugurated by Mr. Jens-Jacob Simonsen at the famous climbing site in Saidpur Village, the Beetles Nest. The selected route, Hang Loose category is 5A+ while the length/height of the route is about 50 feet. Mr. Jens-Jacob, the guest of honour for the event was introduced by the participants and afterwards, he addressed briefly and appreciated the girl climbers for their participation in Rock Climbing, a thrilling and challenging sport. On the request of the organizer, he formally permitted the competition to start. One technical / difficulty round category for male climbers was organized at Legacy, Trail 3, under the supervision of Mr. Jens-Jacob.



It's a matter of pleasure that about 100 girls participated in the competition and besides local climbers, teams from Peshawar, Nowshera, Kharian, and Wah Cantt. Chenab Nagar and Karachi participated in the competition. We are grateful for their participation to make the show successful by their representation and also indebted to the honorable Ambassador and the embassy of Denmark for their patronage, which will help develop more projects and activities for our youth and particularly for the females.

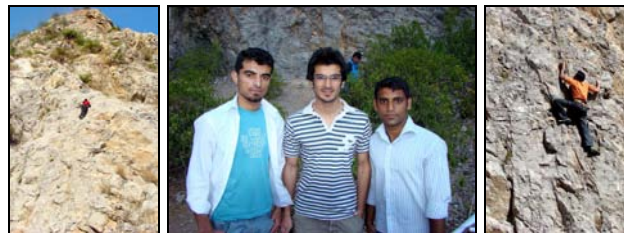
After a very interesting and healthy competition in various categories, the competitions for Under 14 boys, and all categories of girls were finished on 5th March 2011. Mr. Saad Tariq Siddiqi conducted and supervised the competition with support and assistance of fellow time keepers, technical judges and belayers.

On 6th March, competition started at Beetles Nest for remaining categories of boys, while the technical difficulty round for lead climbing was organized at Legacy, trail 3 site. The results were compiled by the time keepers and technical jury headed by Mr. Saad Tariq Siddiqi and announced accordingly.

There was a very interesting and unique record made by our celebrity climber Ms. Nazia Parveen, winner of last 3 competitions in 2010 and 2011. She completed her climb in 53.38 seconds, setting a new record of best time to achieve and her timing was not only best in female categories but overall, including male categories as well. For this distinctive feat, the Club appreciates her talent, hardwork and effort and cordially offers complimentary lifetime membership of the Club. It is expected that she will keep it up and will achieve more distinctions and awards in future.



The Award Ceremony was held on March 8th which is International Women Day, for which the dignitaries included Mr. Saad Tariq Siddiqi, former General Secretary of Alpine Club of Pakistan, Dr. Jabbar Bhatti, veteran climber and Vice President of Alpine Club and Mr. Jens-Jacob Simonsen, Deputy Head of Mission, while Col. (R) Manzoor Hussain, President Alpine Club shared the chair with His Excellency, Danish Ambassador to Pakistan, **Mr. Uffe Wolffhechel**. The ceremony was attended by several climbing enthusiasts besides climbing teams, their heads and parents. The program started with recitation of Quran-e-Pak. After a brief introductory presentation of the Club, Dr. Jabbar Bhatti, made a presentation of mountaineering and paragliding. He announced a free basic paragliding course for 1st and 2nd position holders in above 16 years age categories through his club, Pakistan Paragliding School & Club. Mr. Jens-Jacob very briefly talked about the participation of his mission to support the healthy activities, especially of females. Mr. Manzoor Hussain, President Alpine Club of Pakistan, appreciated the efforts of The Adventure Club – Pakistan and briefed about the activities of the Alpine Club and its previous training programs for females.



Ms. Nazia Parveen was invited on stage to share her experience of Rock Climbing. She expressed her thanks to the Club to provide a platform for training and coaching to develop her talent. She invited girls to participate in this very healthy and challenging activity and said that she never felt any problem while climbing as a female.

At the end of the program, Mr. Uffe Wolffhechel, the honourable chief guest for the evening was invited to address. His Excellency congratulated all winners and stated that his country strongly believes in supporting activities that contribute to positioning Pakistan on a more competitive global footing. This competition is an illustration of the fact that Pakistani girls and women have a he potential which needs to be recognized and further promoted. Pakistan has so much of untapped talent that we would like to bring focus to this potential among the international community. He added that “on the International women Day, the Government of Denmark has supported the event to highlight the potential of Pakistani women in sports as well as in other aspects of society, but more importantly also to mark Pakistan on the international map with success stories“.

His Excellency was requested to distribute the awards among the position holders in various categories. The jubilant climbers and their families enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the award ceremony, which was widely covered by the print and electronic media. After the distribution of trophies, the guests were invited for tea and refreshment. Mr. Tahir Imran Khan, President, The Adventure Club – Pakistan said thanks to all winners and guests for their participation. He appreciated the support of the Danish Embassy for the event and especially for recognizing the importance of the youth, who had participated in the competition. Pakistan needs to create more adventure activities, which is an important brick in building up positive and creative future leaders.



Mr. Tahir Imran Khan announced a complimentary two day’s intermediate course for all position holders to polish their skills and to learn more about the advance levels of Rock Climbing. The ceremony ended up in very good atmosphere and guests enjoyed some lovely moments with climbers and the honorable guests.

RESULT / SCORE CARD

Girls / Females

Venue – Jasmine Corner, Margalla Hills

Under 14

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| 1. | Eeman Nadeem | 01:14:56 – Elite International School - Islamabad |
| 2. | Iqra Jilani | 01:19:00 – The City School - Islamabad |
| 3. | Maham Mujahid | 02:27:00 – The City School – Peshawar |
| 4. | Radiya Khan (Consolation) | 02:29:94 – Roots International – DHA Branch |

Under 16

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| 1. | Palwasha Rodriguez | 01:18:94 – The City School - Islamabad / TAC |
| 2. | Hamna Kiran | 01:20:30 – The City School – Islamabad / TAC |
| 3. | Aleeza Sana | 02:07:09 – The City School – Islamabad / TAC |

Venue – Beetles Nest, Saidpur Village

Under 19

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| 1. | Anisa Rasheed | 01:34:09 – The Adventure Club - Pakistan |
| 2. | Nazish Taj | 02:05:94 – Fatima Jinnah Women University |
| 3. | Rushna Zamir | 02:53:00 – The Adventure Club – Pakistan |

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| 1. | Nazia Parveen | 00:53:38 – Fatima Jinnah Women University / TAC |
| 2. | Irum Nisa | 02:18:34 – Fatima Jinnah Women University |
| 3. | Kiran Nisa | 02:38.31 – Fatima Jinnah Women University |

Boys / Males

Venue – Jasmine Corner, Margalla Hills

Under 14

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| 1. | Muneeb-ur-Rehamn | 01:50:53 – The City School - Islamabad |
| 2. | Saqib Khan | 01:52:35 – The City School - Peshawar |
| 3. | Aftab Ahmed | 02:14:86 – Roots International – DHA Branch |

Venue – Beetles Nest, Saidpur Village

Under 19

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| 1. | Shayyan Korrani | 01:05:93 – The Adventure Club - Pakistan |
| 2. | Ehtisham Hameed | 01:30:78 – Open |
| 3. | Atta-ul-Mohsin | 01:45:62 – Nusrat Jehan Inter College, Chenab Nagar |

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| 1. | Zaki uddin Syed | 01:16:09 – NUST |
| 2. | Waseem Abbas Nazar | 01:28:72 – NUST |
| 3. | Muhammad Faizan Wariach | 01:43.47 – NUST |

Professional / Difficulty – Open Round

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| 1. | Imran Qamar Junaidi | The Adventure Club - Pakistan |
| 2. | Naveed Iqbal | The Adventure Club - Pakistan |
| 3. | Usman Tariq | The Adventure Club - Pakistan |